STATE OF THE STATE

Appl. No. 10689517

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Original claims 1, 3 and 4 remain in this application, with claims 1 and 3 amended, while claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled, and new claims 6-8 have been added.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 2-4 contain allowable matter and claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable matter of claim 2 thereby rendering claim 1 into condition for allowance. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and are therefore in condition for allowance as well. New claim 6 contains the allowable matter of claim 2 in apparatus form so that it is in condition for allowance, and new claims 7 and 8 are dependent from claim 6 so that they are in condition for allowance as well.

A petition and fee for reviving this application is attached herewith to bring this case into active pending status and it is requested that the application now be further considered and examined in light of the present amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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